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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/29/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Detailed Action

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 03/18/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fries, US# 20030036922.

As per claim 1, Fries teaches "receiving property record data for a plurality of parcels into a computer system, wherein the property record data relates to source property record documents; storing the property record data in a searchable database; receiving into the computer system an identifier; in the computer system, using the identifier to search the database and select from the property record documents a set of relevant documents relating to the parcel; in the computer system, using the set of relevant documents to produce a data summary" (see paragraph [0009] and [0027]) "outputting the data summary from the computer system; wherein the data summary comprises information from which an underwriter can underwrite a title policy, using commonly-accepted title policy underwriting rules, without reference to the source documents, or images thereof, from which the data summary originated" (see paragraph [0029]-[0030]).

As per claim 2, Fries teaches "wherein the title policy comprises a selection from the group consisting of: American Land Title Association (ALTA) Loan Policy; ALTA Owner's Policy; ALTA Short Form Residential Loan Policy; Homeowner's Policy of Title Insurance for a One-to-Four Family Residence . . ." (see paragraph [0042]).

As per claim 3, 8, and 28, Fries teaches "wherein the data summary comprises a display screen on a computer monitor" (see paragraph [0041] and [0044]).

As per claim 4, Fries teach "a printed document" (see paragraph [0027]).

As per claims 5-6, Fries teaches, "wherein the printed document comprises a title abstract" (see paragraph [0040]).

As per claims 7, Fries teaches "wherein the printed document comprises a policy" (see paragraph [0005]).

As per claim 9, Fries teaches "wherein the document comprises a selection from the group consisting of: policy, deed, mortgage, commitment, closing-related document, template, and form" (see paragraph [0027] and [0029]).

As per claim 10, Fries teaches "creating at least one index relating to the property record data; and using the at least one index together with the identifier to select relevant documents" (see paragraph [0027] and [0031]).

As per claims 11-13, Fries teaches "in the computer system, using the identifier to search the database and select from the property record documents a set of potentially relevant documents relating to the parcel; and in the computer system, applying logic to organize the documents" (see paragraph [0009], [0034], and [0038]).

As per claim 14, Fries teaches "relating one or more documents to one or more

other documents to identify any unreleased liens" (see paragraph [0011] and [0024]).

As per claims 15-16, Fries teaches "wherein applying logic to organize the documents comprises: relating one or more documents to one or more other documents to identify a good stop in a chain of title" (see paragraph [0030]).

As per claim 17, Fries teaches "wherein the property record data is received into the computer system before the relevant document set is selected" (see paragraph [0032] and [0038]).

As per claim 18, Fries teaches "wherein the identifier comprises a selection from the group consisting of grantor name, legal description of the parcel, physical address of the parcel . . ." (see paragraph [0009] and [0037]).

As per claims 19 and 29, Fries teaches "receiving a plurality of images representing property records; converting the images to electronic image data; paginating the electronic image data into related groups representing individual documents . . . manual processes to convert information in the data fields into electronic information; and organizing the electronic information into data records" (see paragraph [0043]-[0044]).

As per claims 20 and 23, Fries teaches "wherein the data summary comprises a listing of the relevant documents" (see paragraph [0027]).

As per claims 21-24, Fries teaches "wherein the listing of the relevant documents includes a score for at least one of the documents that indicates the degree of relevance of the document" (see paragraph [0037]-[0038]).

As per claims 25-28 these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the

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arguments given above for rejected claims 1-2 and 8 and are similarly rejected.

As per claims 30-33, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1, and 22-23 and are similarly rejected.

As per claims 34-41, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1, 8-9 and 17 and are similarly rejected.

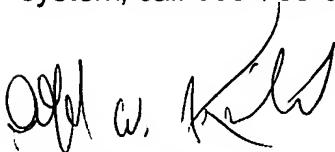
As per claims 42-49, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1, 2-9 and 23-24 and are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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